

Application No.: 10/068,277

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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 6-8 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMenamin (ZA 71/7184) in view of applicant's admission of prior art (AAPA) and Lin (US 5,668,420). The Office Action rejected claims 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over McMenamin in view of AAPA and Foller (US 4,541,989). In addition, claims 9-12 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 9. The Office Action points out that none of the prior art teaches or suggests attaching an oscillator to the DC power source as is required by claim 9. There would be no motivation to switch from the DC current applied by either McMenamin or the AAPA to a pulsed current provided by the present invention. Applicants have added the limitation of "the DC power source comprises an oscillator containing a circuitry comprising a power circuit, a switching circuit and self-excited multi-level oscillation circuit" into claim 1.

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claim 1 is in proper condition for allowance. Because independent claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record, its dependent claims 6-16 and are allowable as a matter of law, for at least the reason that these dependent claims contain all features of their respective independent claim 1.

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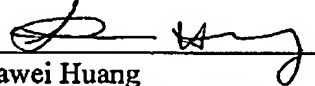
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1, 6-16 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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